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Panchayat Council Elections.

* 396 *Q.*—SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Deputy Panchayat Officers are deputed to conduct the election of members to the Panchayat Councils;

(*b*) whether the same Deputy Panchayat Officers are deputed to conduct the election of Presidents to the same Panchayat Councils; and

(*c*) whether it is a fact that Revenue Officials are deputed to conduct the elections of Presidents instead of Deputy Panchayat Officers?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : (*a*) Deputy Panchayat Officers are appointed as " Presiding Officers " for the conduct of poll in the elections of members of panchayats, in addition to Executive Officers of Panchayats and clerks of district boards and municipalities.

(*b*) & (*c*) Such of the Deputy Panchayat Officers as have been deputed to conduct the election of members of Class I Panchayats and of the Class II Panchayats coming under Part I Rules, are also deputed to conduct the election of Presidents of these Panchayats. The elections of Presidents of Class II Panchayats alone are conducted by the Revenue Inspectors having jurisdiction over the Panchayat village.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Sir, for the conduct of the elections of the members of the Council, Deputy Panchayat Officers are deputed, whereas for the conduct of the elections of the Presidents of Panchayats, revenue officials are deputed. Do the Government suspect the efficiency of the Panchayat Officers or their *bona fides* in the case of the elections of the Presidents of Panchayats? Do the Government rely more upon the efficiency of the revenue officials in the conduct of the elections of the Presidents of Panchayats?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : Sir, the Government do not suspect the efficiency of the Deputy Panchayat Officers. Anyhow the revenue officials are there to give a little more help to this.

Bifurcation of departments

*** 397** *Q.*—SRI **P. G. MANICKAM** : கனம் முதல் அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் தயவு செய்து பதிலளிப்பாரா—

(அ) கோயமுத்தூர் ஜில்லாவில் எந்தெந்த இலாக்காக்கள் இரண்டாகப் பிரிக்கப்பட்டு எந்தெந்த இடங்களிலே தலைமை ஸ்தானங்கள் ஏற்படுத்தப்பட்டிருக்கின்றன ?

(ஆ) இவ்வாறு இலாக்காக்களை இரண்டாகப் பிரிக்கப்பட்டிருப்பதற்கான காரணங்கள் யாவை ?